

MEXICO DIRECTORY.

HENRY C. RIDER,
Publisher DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. Job
work, of all kinds, executed on short
notice with neatness and dispatch.

STONE, ROBINSON & CO.,
Main St., Manufacturers of Clothing to
Order, and Dealers in Dry Goods,
Ready made Clothing, Hats, Caps,
Boots & Shoes, Oil Cloths, etc. 34

E. L. HUNTINGTON,
Dealer in Drugs, Paints, Oils & Var-
nish, Books, Stationery, Clocks, Watch-
es, Jewelry, Silver and Plated ware.
Main street. 34

THOMAS PEPPER,
Manufacturer of first-class heavy, fine
and fancy, pegged and sewed Boots,
Shoes and Brogans. Repairing neatly
done. Opposite the Post-office. 34

JACOB T. BROWN,
Manufacturer of and Dealer in all kinds
of heavy light, and fancy Harnesses,
Single and Double Trappings, Blank-
ets and all other articles kept by the
trade. Main street. 34

BARKER BROS.,
Dealers in Fresh and Salt Meat, also
Manufacturers of and dealers in Pat-
ent Water Drawers and pumps for
wells and cisterns.

WM. H. HALL,
Barber and Hair Dresser. Particular
attention paid to Shampooing, and
the cutting of ladies' and children's
hair. Shop on Main street. 34

CHAS. BEEBE,
Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office
in Morse & Irish's Insurance office,
Main street. 34

JOHN BROWN,
Dealer in Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal,
Lamb and all kinds of meat. Temple's
old stand, corner of Main and Wash-
ington streets. 34

S. PARKHURST,
Keeps the largest and best assortment
of Boots, Shoes and Rubber goods.
Satisfaction given as to quality and
price. Opposite Post-office.

G. G. TUBBS,
Jeweler, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
repaired. All work promptly attended
to and warranted. Shop in Galt &
Castle's store. 34

GEO. P. JOHNSON, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
Office over Galt & Castle's. Orders
left on SLATE will receive prompt at-
tention. Sleeps in office. 34

C. W. RADWAY, M. D.,
HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND
SURGEON.

Office in Mexico Hotel. Entrance on
Church Street. Office hours 9 to 10
a. m., and 1 to 2 and 7 to 9 p. m. All
calls will receive prompt attention.

H. H. DOBSON,



Nitrous oxide or laughing gas, for ex-
tracting teeth without pain, always on
hand. All work warranted at the low-
est living prices. Office over H. C.
Peck's store, Mexico, N. Y. 34

H. C. BEALS,



The place to get
YOUR PICTURE TAKEN.
Old Pictures Copied,
FRAMES FOR PICTURES, &c.,
All work warranted.

H. C. BEALS, Artist and agent for
Sewing Machines, and all kinds of
Machine needles, Oil Spoolers, rubbers
and everything pertaining to sewing
Machines. 34-1y

THE



Machine like cut, \$30.00
Same machine with cover, 35.00
H. C. BEALS,
Photographer and Agent,
Mexico, N. Y.

The Deaf-Mutes' Journal.

"There are more men ennobled by reading than by nature."—CICERO.

VOLUME VI.

MEXICO, N. Y., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

NUMBER 37.

BABY'S EYES.
Sweet baby eyes,
That look normal with such grave surprise,
What do you see?
A strange new world, where simplest things
Engender wild imaginings
And fancy free?
A resting place that is not home,
A paradise wherein to roam
For years may be?
O placid, wondering baby eyes,
The mystery that is in you lies
Only a question.

ELMIRA CONVENTION OF DEAF-MUTES.

SEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
EMPIRE STATE ASSOCIATION OF DEAF-
MUTES—ATTENDANCE ABOUT ONE HUN-
DRED—MAGNIFICENT ORATION—SPLEN-
DID EXCURSION, &c.

First Day Morning Session.

The Association met in the session
room of the Court House, Elmira, N.
Y., kindly offered for use by the county
officers. It is a spacious apartment
well adapted to the purpose of our
meeting, reflecting credit upon the en-
terprising city, its architect and build-
er. The attendance at the morning
session aggregated about fifty, with
several prominent deaf-mutes, among
whom were notably Prof. Turner, Prof.
Greene, Prof. Jewell, Prof. Hodgson,
Prof. Johnson, and Prof. Chamberlain,
besides the regular officers of the Associa-
tion.

The mayor being absent, Hon. G.
F. Danforth, Superintendent of Public
Schools of Elmira, made the address
of welcome, but while waiting his ap-
pearance, Prof. Chamberlain and Prof.
Johnson of the Central New York In-
stitution, made a few remarks, inter-
preted by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet. Mr.
Johnson said he had hoped his friend
Chamberlain would pump himself dry,
but as he didn't Mr. J. said he was
sorry to see so few of the fair sex; not
enough girls for a good division among
the gentlemen; why is it the attend-
ance is small every time? He discour-
aged on both times and said the delegates
must have caught the fever; but him-
self couldn't see the hardness of the
times, for he had been driving through
half a dozen counties and seen such
evidence of prosperity among crops,
&c., and thrift that he had to stamp
the prevailing cry a fraud, to say the least.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet,
Mr. Danforth was introduced and gave
the Association a warm address of wel-
come, the attendance being at this time
increased to one hundred and fifty.
Mr. Danforth said it was a privilege
for him to come before the Convention;
that he was sorry that his capable
friend, Mayor Turner, was not there
to welcome the delegates and represent
the civil and legal society of the city;
that he (Mr. D.) represented the educa-
tional; and as such he hoped he
would at least be considered sincere in
his remarks and welcome. He always
had, and still has, much interest in
schools for the deaf and dumb. In his
official capacity at Albany, as Deputy
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
he often had opportunities to study
the working of the New York Institu-
tion. He was gratified that there was
an interpreter present, so the Conven-
tion could see what they could not
hear; he hoped the meeting would
promote the interests of the deaf-
mutes, and closed with a hearty wel-
come to the city and its suburbs.

[We wish here to say that the City
Hall which had been tendered by the
Mayor for the use of the Convention,
being a small wooden structure inade-
quate to the occasion, Rev. Dr. Gal-
laudet, after conferring with the proper
authorities, obtained consent to the
use of the large, new and convenient
county Court House which proved a
very commodious and excellent place
for the convention. Many thanks are
due Dr. Gallaudet through whose ef-
forts the desirable change was made,
and to the court officers who kindly
assented to the use of the building; and
also to Dr. Gallaudet for procuring Mr.
Danforth, in the absence of the mayor,
to deliver an address of welcome in be-
half of the citizens of Elmira, to those
in attendance at the Convention.]

Dr. Gallaudet referred to his church
work among deaf-mutes, and the ser-
vices to be held this evening and hoped
all would attend, and also at the com-
munication services on the following
morning, before breakfast.

President Rider's address was then
read by Mr. Danforth and interpreted
in the sign language by Dr. Gallaudet.
It was as follows:

Ladies, Gentlemen and Friends:
After an interval of two years since
our Association met at Watertown, in
1875, I heartily congratulate you all
on this happy occasion of the seventh
biennial meeting of our society.

Since we last met in the capacity
of a convention, extraordinary events have
transpired in the current history of our
Republic. January 1st, 1876, was
ushered in by the booming of cannon,
illumination, bonfires, decorations, un-
bounded display of the stars and
stripes, accompanied by the joy, ani-
mation, and excitement which attach

ed to the birth of the Centennial year
of our National existence. I need not
rehearse the characteristic occurrences
of the Centennial year, 1876. The
Philadelphia Exposition of unequalled
colossal magnitude, the crowning glo-
ry of the one hundred years of our
National Independence, is still fresh in
our memories. The Centennial year
with all its excitements, wonders, joys
and sorrows has, with the onward
march of time, retired to its peaceful
slumbers, content with the halo which
surrounded and pervaded its limited
duration, and the year 1877, with its
sober realities and practical methods,
has stepped into the breach to main-
tain its supremacy for the allotted pe-
riod of three hundred and sixty-five
years. In all the bustle, the joyous-
ness, and the exciting scenes and won-
ders of the Centennial year, in which
we were all, to a greater or less degree,
partakers and largely interested sym-
patizers, we deaf-mutes have retained
our *status quo*, and although we shrink
from the idea of being termed "pecu-
liar," we are yet, to all intents and pur-
poses, a distinct people, in more re-
spects than one, from the great mass
of hearing and speaking humanity. We
have our likes and our dislikes, com-
mon to all, but we have our wants,
and especial necessities, some of which
do not attach to the hearing masses.
With some little discrepancies, of un-
important significance, we are, how-
ever, possessed of many, if not nearly
all of the natural, moral, social and in-
tellectual elements common to all classes,
and maintain a large conspicuity in
the general make up of society. By
studying the ways and adopting the
examples of worthy and refined speak-
ing people we shall, no doubt, in a few
years become more assimilated to the
manner of the hearing community and
their society.

The long and continued strike that
recently pervaded a large portion of
this union, which shook the very foun-
dation of our great railway system, and
resulted in the destruction of property
to the extent of many millions of dol-
lars, and the loss of many lives, in its
immediate effects had but little bear-
ing upon us. As a community we were
silent observers, but in no way partici-
pated. With all our drawbacks and
disadvantages, the twenty-five thou-
sand deaf-mutes of this country have
never been known to inaugurate a
strike, or incite a riot. However much
of either we might have been guilty
of under other circumstances, thanks to
a kind Providence, from all such acts
of violence, we can justly and proudly
claim immunity from all censure. In
the pursuit of speaking people, we
fairly maintain the universal appella-
tion of a mind-your-own-business com-
munity.

After a two years' separation in the
capacity of a convention, as the repre-
sentative head of the Empire State
Deaf-mute Association, I cordially
greet each and all of you, my dear
friends, this morning, and it would
convey a feeble expression of thanks to
say that your presence is most gladly
welcomed to the deliberations and so-
cial enjoyments of the limited space of
two days during this session. From
the date of the organization of our so-
ciety, its career has been marked by
steady progression, and, cut off, as we
are by our misfortune, from many of
the social enjoyments of our more fa-
vored friends, our biennial conventions
have been of no small importance in
the history of the deaf and dumb of
the State of New York. These con-
ventions, in which we assemble once
in two years with so much of pleas-
ures, are to us, what the oases of the
Great Desert are to famishing travelers.
The necessarily tedious monotony of
our (in many respects) secluded lives, is
greatly relieved by these gatherings,
where we may meet the sympathy, the
lack of which is felt by the deaf-mutes
as a class, on account of their (in part)
isolation from the hearing classes. It
is true that we are becoming more and
more, from year to year, a (by no means
insignificant) portion of the common
community, yet our natural and pre-
dominating affinity for those of our
kind, on the Homeopathic principle
that "like causes produce like effects,"
coupled with the affection that usually
exists between boarding school pupils,
and which, fostered during our school
days usually permeates our after lives,
and even often extends down to the
latest moments of our earthly exis-
tence, engenders in our hearts the
longing desire and almost irresistible
impulse to meet with each other; and
even though it be brief, to enjoy for a
short season the society of our boon
companions. These bright spots in
our lives' history, I verily believe, are
Godsends to the cravings of our souls
which (the to us) outside world fails
to supply. We would not be clannish-
ly inclined, but we are free to ad-
mit, that these occasions are fondly
cherished by our recollections, and we
truly believe that no injurious results
will follow from them; and we think
the rest of the world will be none the
worse for them.

My friends, it affords me much pleas-
ure to welcome so many of you here
at this auspicious gathering. I trust

that, with all the pleasures which we
anticipated from this gathering, it will
also prove one of profit as well as of
enjoyment.

Our association, not unlike many
others, was feeble at first, but from
the date of its organization, it has
grown in favor and gained in im-
portance until it has come to be look-
ed upon by the deaf-mutes of this
State as a society worthy of their high-
est esteem and deserving of their lib-
eral support. In fact, our biennial at-
tendance at these conventions are, to us,
as much of an object as are, to thou-
sands of the gay and wealthy, their an-
nual pleasure-seeking trips to Long
Branch, Newport, Saratoga, Thousand
Islands, and other popular resorts. They,
many of them, go to make a grand
display of wealth and fashion. We
meet, as an association of deaf-
mutes, with no such selfish motives
and with no such display of ostenta-
tion. We come here not to make a
public exhibition of ourselves, but
rather for the purpose of social inter-
course, intellectual improvement, and
to enjoy the congeniality which we
fail to find in larger and louder-praised
resorts.

As the President of the Association
for the past eight years, after previ-
ously holding the office of Secretary
for four years, I have witnessed with
pleasure the growth of our Society, and
have noticed with feelings of deep in-
terest and gratification the successful
career which has characterized the past
years of its existence, and I fully be-
lieve that by the co-operation of judi-
cious management, and the unanimity
of Christian sympathy and harmonious
actions, thus far and at the present
time prevailing among the members,
the regular growth and reasonable
success of our Association may be per-
petuated for an indefinite period. It
is cheering to me to meet this morn-
ing with such a large attendance of
my deaf-mute and hearing friends;
both ladies and gentlemen. I notice
in my audience several gentlemen and
ladies, both hearing and deaf-mute,
whose labors in the past and present,
for our spiritual and temporal welfare,
have not only evoked our highest es-
teem, most sincere gratitude and deepest
respect, but who have also received
the approval of all hearing people who
take an interest in our enlightenment
and in the Christian labor which is
working such wonders for the deaf and
dumb.

It is also with pleasure that I observe
in my midst on this occasion such dis-
tinguished Christian gentlemen—rep-
resentatives of the Church Mission to
Deaf-mutes—as Rev. Thomas Gallau-
det, D. D., Rev. A. W. Mann, Prof. Job
Turner and others whose fields of labor
so directly concern the deaf-mute pop-
ulation of our country, and whose zealous
labors are resulting in so much good,
both spiritual and physical, to the
deaf and dumb, the National Home
for Aged and Infirm Deaf-mutes be-
ing connected with the Mission. We
have been on several occasions, during
former conventions, favored with
church services, and at one time with
a sermon from Bishop Huntington,
and at another, one from Bishop Cox.
The Christian gentleman have our sin-
cere thanks for the honor thus shown
us in their attendance at our conven-
tions. Their presence exerts an in-
fluence for good and gives dignity to
our conventions.

The Rev. Dr. Gallaudet has attended
every convention since the organiza-
tion of this Society and has rendered
us material assistance, not only while
acting as an interpreter between our-
selves and the hearing people present,
but has also in many ways added much
to the interest of the meetings and to
the enjoyment of those in attendance.
This beautiful city of Elmira, which
we have chosen as the location of our
convention on the present occasion,
presents many features of interest to
occupy our (otherwise unengaged)
hours during our session; and that
justly celebrated, far-famed and ro-
mantic watering place, Watkins Glen,
so largely patronized by pleasure-
seekers, to which we shall make an ex-
cursion to-morrow at 12:20 p. m., also
presents attractions of interest and a
field for enjoyment which will make the
day one of pleasant memory through-
out all our lives.

To my deaf-mute friends, and to the
friends of deaf-mute literature, whom
I address this morning, permit me (be-
ing an editor) to say a few words in
the interest of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL,
with which many of you have long
since formed something of an acquaint-
ance. Nearly six years have elapsed,
since with a small beginning and a
very unpretentious size, the DEAF-
MUTES' JOURNAL, the only authorized
State paper for the deaf and dumb,
was first published, occupying very
limited space in the *Mexico Independent*,
the joint name of the two papers
combined, being designated as the
"Mexico Independent and Deaf-Mutes'
Journal," the latter having a space in
the paper, of two columns. All will ad-
mit that the beginning of the JOURNAL
was small; but we are told by one ac-
credited with much wisdom, to "de-
spise not the day of small things."

Under the "firm name," the paper in-
creased largely in circulation. Deaf-
mutes added names to the subscrip-
tion lists, deaf-mute paragraphs and
clippings began to be sent in for in-
sertion in our paper, and in process of
time your speaker squeezed the senior
proprietor and largest share-holder for
another column which was conceded;
and then another and another, till finally,
when he could not afford to give any
more space, on the first of October,
1874, the JOURNAL was first published
as a separate paper, the proprietor of
the *Independent* furnishing a large
portion of the reading matter—the col-
umns for deaf-mute matters being still
limited—and doing the printing of the
whole paper. This plan afforded but
brief satisfaction, for deaf-mute news
and correspondence were forwarded so
freely—thanks to many kind friends—that
the designated columns were soon
insufficient to contain all of it. The
next and only recourse was to procure
an office, presses and other apparatus
and publish the JOURNAL as an inde-
pendent paper which I was enabled to
do, and with a good office and new
fixtures throughout, under the new
dispensation on the second day of
August, 1877, came forth the DEAF-
MUTES' JOURNAL. I am receiving many
flattering testimonials, all uniting in
the opinion that the JOURNAL is an ex-
cellent paper, in fact the best publish-
ed in the interests of the deaf and
dumb, in every respect worthy of their
highest esteem, deserving of their most
cordial support and generous
patronage, and it is also admitted by
many to be a good weekly for hearing
people. This latter assertion is greatly
corroborated by the fact that in the
village where it is published, in a very
intelligent community where there is
another weekly paper published, and
where the people are abundantly sup-
plied with New York and other dailies,
the JOURNAL has quite a number of sub-
scribers, for a deaf-mute paper, consid-
ering that the population is but a little
more than thirteen hundred, and with
two exceptions, those subscribers are
all hearing and speaking persons, there
being but two families of deaf-mutes
in the place.

When politicians present the name
of a man whom they desire elected to
an important office of trust and emol-
ument, the inquiry often arises, "What
is his home record?" Not unfrequently
does the reputation, which he sus-
tains in his home community, add
much weight to his support in distant
localities, where he is personally un-
known. But my kind friends, the
JOURNAL is not only favorably known
at home, but dear to the hearts of many
in distant parts. To the extent of
upwards of six hundred copies it finds
its way each week to the homes of its
readers, principally deaf-mutes, from
Canada to the great Gulf on the south,
and from the forests of Maine to Ore-
gon and California, and wherever read
it is dear to the hearts of our people.
But I need scarcely reiterate the
fact, that the expense of editing and
publishing a paper of its kind is much
greater than that attending the issue
of country papers devoted to the in-
terests of the hearing classes. I need
not here enumerate the various reasons
why this is so; the truthfulness of the
assertion is well known to both the
observing intelligent deaf-mute and
others. In the light of reason, then,
it follows as a natural result that to
sustain a paper like the JOURNAL, it
must receive (as all admit it is deserv-
ing of) the hearty approval and cor-
dial support of its friends. Moreover
as the patronage increases, the charac-
ter of the paper, in proportion as it
can be afforded, is being constantly
improved, and it is also hoped that
it will, with increased subscriptions,
its size may be somewhat enlarged.

With these somewhat discursive re-
marks in relation to the JOURNAL, I
candidly invite you to use all honorable
and reasonable exertions to add to its
subscription lists, and whenever con-
sistent and practicable, do as much as
possible for its support by supplying
its publisher with job printing and
advertising, all kinds of which he is
prepared to do on short notice and at
the most reasonable prices. And you
who can, please do not be backward in
forwarding accounts of deaf-mute mat-
ters which you consider worthy of pub-
lication, and which you would like to
have read by an appreciative public
of deaf and dumb. The JOURNAL will,
as in the past, continue to be a
paper of high toned moral character,
and will furnish religious and much
other solid reading matter. It will
not, however, be clothed with so much
of solemnity as to make it objection-
able to any; and for all it is designed
to be a welcome and highly appreci-
ated fireside companion. The best in-
terests of our class of people will be
among its most prominent features.
The JOURNAL being so closely identified
with the deaf-mutes, I trust you will
pardon me for these extended remarks
which are not usually included in an
ordinary public address before a con-
vention.

I cannot refrain from saying that I
fully believe these conventions of deaf-
mutes will result in much good for our

people. In our deliberations many
questions of importance are brought
up for discussion, to which all mem-
bers are freely admitted, and besides
the encouragement offered to speaking
in public without embarrassment, we
may, by coming in personal contact
with the refined and liberally educated,
improve to a great extent our con-
versational powers, cultivate our style
of expression and add in other ways to
our stock of knowledge. It is my sin-
cere desire that, as in the past, these
biennial conventions shall continue to
prove, not only seasons of rare social
enjoyment, but a source of intellectual
improvement, refinement and culture.

Thanking you for your close at-
tention and patience with me throughout
my long-continued remarks, and heart-
ily wishing each and all an unusually
profitable and pleasant time during
our session and sojourn here, we will
now proceed with the regular business
of the convention.

The Rector of Trinity Church arose
and said he was sorry that his church
was undergoing repairs, thus preclud-
ing a service there, for the deaf "sil-
ence is golden" he thought especially
in a convention like this and taking
example of the palmist he should
watch his lips; and not have a load of
sins of the tongue to carry; he hoped
all would have a good and acceptable
time.

Rev. Mr. Hoskins, of Grace Church,
repeated and emphasized his wel-
come to the deaf to assemble in ser-
vice at his church. The Rev. then en-
tertained the convention for a few mo-
ments with an interesting discourse of
a scriptural nature.

Mr. Yeomans, Secretary of the Board
of Education, came in as a spectator,
but said he thought a few remarks
would not be amiss. He was so much
interested with delegates at the Rath-
burn House that he left his work and
came to attend. He has had much of his
dear sympathy called out after his
acquaintance with the deaf, and while
pleased to be present, offered us with
freedom of the beautiful city and was
sure that in thus speaking he represents
the sentiment of all good citizens.

Prof. Chamberlain said that Prin-
ciple Nelson, now en route from Europe,
would have been present if his steam-
er was a locomotive; he was sorry
that he (Mr. N.) could not be with us
on this occasion.

The Treasurer's report showed the
following figures with regard to bal-
ance on hand at close of the Water-
town Convention in 1875:

EXPENDITURES.	
St. Lawrence Excursion.....	353.00
Expenses H. C. Rider.....	29.15
Expenses F. L. Seliney.....	14.25
Expressage.....	3.92
Interpreter.....	13.00
Hall Rent.....	20.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$329.20

RECEIPTS.	
Excursion Tickets.....	314.20
Membership.....	70.00
Donation Rev. Mr. Parker.....	5.00
Sale Writing Pads.....	3.92
Balance on hand from 1873.....	\$346.55
Total Receipts.....	639.67
Total Expenditures.....	329.20
Balance on hand.....	\$310.47

Prof. Turner, of Boston, said he
noticed wheat was very luxuriant here,
which reminded him of his old Virginia
home. The Prof. recently appointed
lay-reader of the Episcopal Church for
holding services around Boston and
at different New England points, then
gave a most interesting account of his
work and the privations, privileges and
rewards it entailed.

Dr. Gallaudet on this occasion, could
not forbear, in spite of the evident in-
clination to enjoy the present serious
thoughts of other and higher thoughts,
to inculcate the necessity of culti-
vating the religious life; of remember-
ing, amid all our frivolities, business
cares, and other mundane and tempo-
rary concerns, that these things last
not forever, and that there is another
life—for which this is the preparatory
state. Far be it for him to discourage
or depreciate our efforts for self im-
provement, or the means we take; far
from him to debar us from enjoying
ourselves; but he would have us do so
rationally, and prove to the world, who
are looking on, that we have souls like
the rest and know it, and desire their
salvation. It was well on such occa-
sions, when the privilege was available,
to set apart a portion of the time to re-
member our Redeemer, and consider
our ways. With this view of the case
he had established the customary ser-
vice for us at our convention and trust-
ed we would improve the opportunity
to the utmost.

He referred, in touching terms, to the
recent death of his venerated and ven-
erable mother, a deaf-mute like our-
selves, and honored and loved among
us and by all who came in contact
with her, as few women have been. He
related the particulars of her death
and the scenes attendant on and
prior to the sad event. These have
already been given to the readers of the
JOURNAL. The good old lady had
no premonitions of her end, but was
at her evening devotions when the

Master sent his messenger, and pain-
lessly bore her away to realms where
tongues are loosened and ears unstop-
ped. A fitting end to a life to live,
within whose charmed circle was bliss,
improvement and content to all who
were thus favored. Our Master, said
Dr. Gallaudet, is a loving one, a father
and a friend. Whatever afflictions are
sent upon us; whatever obstacles to
prosperity arise, whatever miscarriage
befalls our plans—all are warnings
and admonitions, for us to be ready to
leave all whenever He calls. The high-
er life is as open to the mute as to the
hearing, with cultivation of the facul-
ties, and to make the most of them
is our duty, and in no other way
could we reap the advantages which
they were intended to secure for us.

Prof. Johnson discoursed on the un-
educated deaf and dumb of the State,
and brought facts and figures to show
that the number was by no means so
small as some think. If a thorough
census was made, the number found
would fill all present Institutions and
start several new ones. Educated
mutes ought to be thankful, that they
had been taught while so many had
not, and should do all they could to
find and send others to Institutions.

Dr. Gallaudet said that if each mute
would put away three cents a week, it
would pay for a year's subscription to
the JOURNAL, which should be in every
one's hands, as the medium of com-
munication among one class, with all
who could appreciate the JOURNAL,
the saying was "I cannot do without
it." Prof. Job Turner took occasion to
say how highly Rev. W. W. Turner
great and valued friend of the mutes,
had recommended the JOURNAL, and
said that every mute should subscribe.
The convention then adjourned till 2
p. m.

Afternoon Session.
On resuming at 2 p. m., an invita-
tion was received from the sheriff of
the county to visit the county jail
buildings. Quite a number embraced
the opportunity, after which Prof.
Greene, of Belleville (Canada) Institu-
tion, delivered the following oration in
a masterly and graphic manner, which
occupied fifty minutes in its delivery
and was applauded at its close.

PROF. GREENE'S ORATION.
Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have accepted with pleasure, your
invitation to deliver the oration on the
occasion of this the Seventh Biennial
Convention of the Empire State Associa-
tion of Deaf-mutes. For the honor
which you have conferred upon me, I
thank you most sincerely.

Two years have swiftly passed since
we assembled in the beautiful city of
Watertown, and here, once more, we
come together. "Tempus fugit! Yes,
it is ever on the wing; it is like the
running stream that hurries on and is
never at rest, till it mingles with the
ocean; and perhaps we do not con-
sider, that what glides before our eyes
to-day, is passing away never to be
seen by us more.

While recalling the events of the
two years that have elapsed since we
last met, recollections, pleasant and
painful, come crowding before me.
Each has had his, or her, personal joys
and griefs, but who among us does
not join in a tribute of living sorrow
to the memory of her who has so
lately been removed from earth?
You all know to whom I refer; Mrs.
Sophia Gallaudet, one whose deaf
face was always so eagerly welcomed
among us—her silent sisters and brothers—
for she ever loved to encourage
our gatherings by her cheering pres-
ence.

But it was not the will of the Al-
mighty to leave her with us, and I,
having been honored with her personal
friendship, feel that I cannot let
this occasion pass without a few words
expressive of admiration for her beau-
tiful character. All those who knew
her, and especially the graduates of
the National Deaf-mute Coll. ge, some
of whom are among us to-day, will
remember her as remarkable for her
amiable traits of character; and her
motherly kindness towards ourselves.
She was a bright gem in society in
Washington, and the students rever-
enced her as a dear mother. Her mind
and heart possessed all the sterling
qualities which command esteem, and
her countenance was expressive of the
greatest sweetness. Her charity and
kindness of feeling were known and
appreciated by all around. Death
came to her unexpectedly, but it found
her fully prepared. A large circle of
friends mourn her loss as a personal
bereavement; but let us not forget
that she is now in a better world,
where her ears are unsealed and her
"tongue loosened" by Him who said
to the poor deaf-mute "Ephaphatha,"
and that she is now enjoying the
sweet melodies of Heaven.

I wish I had at command words to
express my love and sincere friend-
ship for her while living and my deep
regret for her death. Let us go our
ways, cherishing her sacred memory,
ever treasuring in our remembrance
her virtues, knowing that she possessed
the best qualities of true woman-
hood. Look at her children.

Edward is the first in

[illegible]

There are some human tongues which have two sides, like that of a certain quadruped, one smooth on the one side, and wrinkled on the other.